

2007.5 XL1200N Paint Care

With the introduction of Denim paint for the XL1200N, we'd like to remind everyone that there is a special process to clean the painted surfaces. This information was omitted in the Sportster Owner's Manual. Please make sure your Sales staff and those interacting with the customer at the point of sale are aware that this information needs to be covered on any vehicle with Denim paint.

DENIM PAINT CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

Purpose

To provide an understanding of the characteristics of Denim paint and the required care to the dealer network. The Denim finish differs from traditional high-gloss finishes on other Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Like denim fabric, Denim paint will burnish with age and use, adding character and personality to the finish of the motorcycle. The integrity of the paint however is not affected by age.

If scratched, nicked or scuffed, Denim paint cannot be buffed out. If polished, the finish will become less matte and more glossy over time. This finish can not be repaired.

All motorcycles with Denim paint should follow processes outlined in the Harley-Davidson Cosmetic Guidelines booklet. Please refer customers to the copies from our V-Rod Owner's Manual on page two for details on finish care.

Action

Inform Service personnel, end user's (Customers), Sales Staff & Porters of the special care instructions for Denim paint, and communicate the characteristics of Black Denim paint to customers at time of vehicle order placement and review at time of new vehicle delivery.

CLEANING DENIM PAINT:

For heavy deposits on finish:

Use a grease cutting dishwashing detergent and a clean H-D wash-mitt (P/N 94760-99). Dilute dishwashing detergent per instructions provided by manufacturer and rinse thoroughly with clean water.

For light deposits on finish:

Use ammonia based glass cleaner and a soft H-D Soft-Cloth (HD-94656-98).

For final detailing:

Use H-D Gloss with H-D Soft Cloth.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Maintain chrome and aluminum regularly to check that they retain their original shine and luster. Take care to keep your new Harley-Davidson motorcycle cleaned and waxed as often as possible to inhibit rust and corrosion.

BLACK DENIM FINISH

General

If your vehicle has flat (or matte) black finish please read below.

- The Black Denim finish has qualities which differ from high gloss finishes on all other Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Like denim fabric, Black Denim paint will burnish or mar with age and use, thus adding character and personality to the finish of the motorcycle.
- If scratched, the color coat of paint does nick/scuff and these marks can not be rubbed out.
- If polished, the finish will become less matte and more glossy over time.

How to Clean

1. For heavier deposits:
 - a. Use grease cutting dishwashing detergent and a clean H-D wash-mitt. (Dilute the detergent per the instruction provided by its manufacturer.)
 - b. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
2. For light deposits, use glass cleaner (ammonia base) and H-D Soft Cloth. This helps remove finger prints and light soil.
3. For final detailing use H-D Gloss with H-D Soft Cloth.

CLEANING YOUR V-ROD

CAUTION

Improper cleaning, or the use of non-recommended care products, or lack of proper maintenance of your VRSC will void your cosmetic warranty coverage. (00226a)

WARNING

Observe warnings on labels of cleaning compounds. Failure to follow warnings could result in death or serious injury. (00076a)

To aid you in keeping your motorcycle clean, see a Harley-Davidson dealer for cleaning and polishing products. As a general guideline, it is recommended that you use the following products for the purposes listed in Table 27.

Table 27. Recommended Cleaning Care Products

PRODUCT	PART NUMBER	FRAME	BODY PANELS	WHEELS	DENIM FINISH
H-D Sunwash	94659-98	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
H-D Bug Remover	94657-98	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Harley-Gloss	94627-98	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harley Spray Cleaner and Polish	99817-99	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wheel and Tire Cleaner	94658-98	No	No	Yes	No
S100 Total Cycle Cleaner (complete rinse required)	99760-85T	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Grease cutting dishwasher detergent. Dilute per manufacturer's instructions.	N/A	No	No	No	Yes
Ammonia base glass cleaner	N/A	No	No	No	Yes

1. Use H-D SUNWASH (Part No. 94659-98) first, for general cleaning and washing of all surface finishes. Sunwash has a formulated sheeting action that prevents hard water spots and rinses clean even on hot days in the sun.